AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A portable communication device for at least mono-directional communication with a terminal, comprising:

   a micro-module, comprising[[:]] a chip~~, comprising an antenna allowing the micro-module to communicate with the terminal when the antenna is placed in a vicinity of the terminal~~; and

   a reader configured to receive the micro-module,

   wherein [[said]] the reader comprises an antenna of low or medium range type allowing the micro-module to transmit a radio-frequency (RF) communication to the terminal when the antenna is placed in a vicinity of the terminal, and

   wherein the antenna is held by [[said]] the reader such that the micro-module is removable relative to the antenna.

2. (Currently Amended) The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the micro-module contains comprises an external authentication marking element.

3. (Currently Amended) The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the reader comprises a display and a keypad configured to interact with the chip.

4. (Currently Amended) The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the reader comprises a USB connector configured to connect contacts of the micro-module to an external appliance.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the reader further comprises a memory component.

7. (Currently Amended) The portable communication device of claim [[5]]1, wherein the ~~block for~~ RF communication is of type ISO 14443 type A.

8. (Currently Amended) The portable communication device of claim [[5]]1, wherein the ~~block for~~ RF communication is of type ISO 14443 type B.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) The portable communication device of claim 1, further comprising an audio/visual man/machine interface configured to transmit a signal in response to establishment of communication with an external appliance.

12. (Currently Amended) The portable communication device of claim 11, wherein the audio/visual man/machine interface is a LED (light-emitting diode).

13. (Currently Amended) The portable communication device of claim 11, wherein the audio/visual man/machine interface is a micro-buzzer.

14. (Currently Amended) The portable communication device of claim 11, wherein the audio/visual man/machine interface is a vibrator.

15. (Currently Amended) The portable communication device of claim 11, wherein the audio/visual man/machine interface is a display.

16. (Currently Amended) The portable communication device of claim 1, further comprising:
an independent source of electrical energy rechargeable by an energy transfer device without galvanic contact.

17. (Currently Amended) The portable communication device of claim 16, wherein the independent source of electrical energy uses magnetic induction as a medium for transferring energy.

18. (Currently Amended) The portable communication device of claim 16, wherein the independent source of electrical energy uses light as a medium for transferring energy and photovoltaic cells for converting energy.

19. (Currently Amended) The portable communication device of claim 16, wherein the independent source of electrical energy uses an electromagnetic field as a medium for transferring energy and a second antenna as an energy conversion system.

20. (Currently Amended) The portable communication device of claim 1, further comprising:
    a switch placed on the antenna wherein communication may be established only by activating the switch.

21. (Currently Amended) The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein communication is inactive and consumes substantially no energy before the device enters a field in an immediate vicinity of an external appliance.

22. (New) The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the RF communication is of Near Field Communication (NFC) type.

23. (New) The portable communication device of claim 1, further comprising:
    a display device, wherein the display device is controlled by the chip through a display driver stored and executed in the chip.

24. (New) The portable communication device of claim 1, further comprising:
    a memory component configured to store encrypted private data, wherein the chip is configured to decrypt the encrypted private data to obtain decrypted private data using a secret stored in the chip.

25. (New) The portable communication device of claim 24, wherein the decrypted private data is used to obtain access, by a holder of the portable communication device, to one selected from the group consisting of a secured resource and a secured location.